after due considerations, was accepted. This question will again be considered by the Cocoanut committee which will be meeting at Bangalore very soon and the Government of India will about fixing the ceiling prices and other contracts consultation with the Cocoanut Committee.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):* I attended for two days a Conference at New Delhi convened by the Government of India to consider the question of collection of Statistics for the Development of Industries. The Government of India is contemplating the nationalisation of industries on an all-India basis for which they require statistics regarding the nature of the machinery used, quantity of different kinds of raw materials required, type of labour employed, etc., existing factories in India. It was thought desirable that the representatives of the various Provinces and States should meet together and discuss the matter. So that statistics may be collected on a uniform basis, we have come to some tentative conclusions as to how and on what lines those statistics are to be collected. The States representatives pointed out that so far as the States are concerned the number of major industries are comparatively less than the number of minor industries and that the latter should also be brought within the purview of the general scheme. They have agreed to this suggestion.

When I was at Delhi, I also took advantage of that occasion to interview the Government of India authorities and place before them the fact that the incidence of the betel nut tax was felt as very heavy by the betel nut growers in our State. I believe it had some effect, because we now find that the Government of India have agreed to reduce the rate of tax from two annas a lb. of nut to one anna.

Mr. G. S. Dhara Singh *(Mattancheri):* An extra Service done to Cochin State.

Demand put and carried

10. "16-7—Committees—Allowances" and

11. "16-7—Committees—Contingencies"

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* I rise to move for additional allotments of Rs. 3,000 under "16-7—Committees—Allowances" and Rs. 300 under "16-7—Committees—Contingencies".

The budget provisions for the current year under "16-7—Committees—Allowances" and under "contingency" are Rs. 3,000 and Rs. 200 respectively. Of these Rs. 1,300 under allowances and Rs. 75 under contingency have been spent so far. In view of the constitution of the Post-war Reconstruction Committee and the subject committees it is expected that the balance available will not be sufficient for expenditure for the remaining part of the year. A further sum of Rs. 3,000 under "allowances" and a sum of Rs. 300 under "contingencies" will be necessary and these have to be sanctioned, as additional allotment.

I request the House will be pleased to grant the allotment.

Demands put and carried

12. "38—Income-tax—T.A."

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M. B. E. *(Chief Secretary to Government):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 2,500 under "38—Income-tax—T.A."

The existing provision under the head "38—Income-tax—T. A." is only Rs. 3,000. An additional allotment of Rs. 2,500 under this head has become necessary for the following reasons.

1. The T. A. rates of the Income-tax Commissioner and the Deputy Income-tax Commissioner have increased consequent on the revision of their salaries.

2. Last year the Income-tax Inspector had to appear in appeal cases only before the Income-tax Commissioner. This year he has to appear before the Deputy Income-tax Commissioner also. Thus this year he has to tour more frequently than he had to tour last year.

3. According to the original arrangement, the term of the Additional Income-tax Officer was to expire by the end of Makaram 1121. But subsequently his term was extended to the end of the current year.

4. The Income-tax Inspector had to go to Madras in connection with an Income-tax reference.

I request the House may be pleased to grant the allotment.

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